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WE CLAIM:

1. A crystal of bacterial IMPDH (inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase) isolated from a bacterial preparation.
2. The crystal of claim 1 further characterized by ability to provide x-ray diffraction patterns useful to define molecular structures for bacterial IMPDH enzymes.
3. A crystal of bacterial IMPDH (inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase) isolated from a bacterial preparation wherein the bacterial preparation is a pure culture of *Streptococcus pyogenes*.
4. A method for developing lead compounds for an inhibitor of bacterial IMPDH (inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase), said method comprising:
 - (a) obtaining a crystal of bacterial IMPDH;
 - (b) recording x-ray diffraction data from said crystal;
 - (c) using said diffraction data to generate an electron density map consistent with a model for the molecular structure of a binding pocket of IMPDH; and
 - (d) developing lead compounds for an inhibitor of bacterial IMPDH based on the map of three dimensional structural information of the molecular structure of the binding pocket of IMPDH.
6. A crystalline molecule or molecular complex comprising all or any parts of a binding pocket defined by structure coordinates of IMPDH amino acids 50-56, 75-80, 229-235, 252-260, 283-286, 302-322, 343-345, 365-432 and 449-455, according to Table 7, or a homologue of said molecule or molecular complex, wherein said homologue comprises a binding pocket that has an amino acid sequence identity for the corresponding binding pocket residues of 60% or greater relative to the *S. pyogenes* IMPDH binding pocket.
7. A crystalline IMPDH molecule defined by structural coordinates for IMPDH amino acids from *S. pyogenes* IMPDH amino acids 50-56, 75-80, 229-235, 252-260, 283-286, 302-322, 343-345, 365-433, and 449-455.

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8. A crystalline bacterial IMPDH molecule having (inosine monophosphate) IMP in its binding pocket.

15. A computer generated representation of a molecule or molecular complex comprising a binding pocket defined by the following structural coordinates of *S. pyogenes* IMPDH amino acids 50-56, 75-80, 229-235, 252-260, 283-286, 302-322, 343-345, 365-433, and 449-455.